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Jennifer K. Grenier, et al.  
Serial No. 09/977,615  
Filed: October 15, 2001

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"SOLID SUPPORT ASSAY SYSTEMS AND  
METHODS UTILIZING NON-STANDARD  
BASES"

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, immediately before "**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**", please add the following new paragraph and heading:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/240,397, filed October 14, 2000, and is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/282,831, filed April 10, 2001, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/861,292, filed May 18, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/293,259, filed May 22, 2001, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant claims small entity status. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
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In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for same.

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